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1. SUMMARY: FRG MINISTER COUNSELOR LAHUSEN CALLED ON ACDA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LEONARD AUGUST 24 TO ASK FOR US VIEWS ABOUT TIMING OF FRG APPLICATION TO JOIN CCD. HE SAID THAT WHILE FRG WAS KEENLY INTERESTED IN CCD MEMBERSHIP AND WANTED CCD TO CONTINUE "ALIVE AND WELL", FRG WANTED OUR OPINION AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD SEEK MEMBERSHIP FOR SPRING 1974 CCD SESSION OR WAIT UNTIL 1975. LEONARD REPLIED THAT NON-ALIGNED COULD BE EXPECTED TO GIVE PRIORITY THIS FALL AT UNGA TO QUESTION OF PRC PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT EFFORTS SO THAT CLEAR PICTURE OF PROSPECTS FOR FRG APPLICATION CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO EMERGE UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER UNGA BEGINS. END SUMMARY.

2. LAHUSEN, FRG EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR, CALLED ON ACDA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LEONARD AUGUST 24 TO DISCUSS FRG APPLICATION FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP. LAHUSEN SAID THAT THE

PRINCIPAL QUESTION FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAD ASKED HIM TO RAISE CONCERNED TIMING OF ACTION ON FRG MEMBERSHIP. DID US FEEL THAT FRG CAN ENTER CCD IN SPRING 1974 OR WOULD 1975 BE MORE REALISTIC?

3. LAHUSEN SAID THAT WHILE FRG WAS NOT IN A GREAT HURRY TO JOIN CCD, IT WAS KEENLY INTERESTED IN CCD MEMBERSHIP. WEST GERMANS HAD BEEN TOLD ON OCCASION THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER NOT TO SEEK CCD MEMBERSHIP GIVEN DIFFICULTIES FACING THAT ORGANIZATION, BUT BONN'S POSITION WAS THAT CCD WAS IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION WHICH SHOULD CONTINUE "ALIVE AND WELL", AND TWO GERMAN STATES SHOULD MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OVERCOMING CCD'S DIFFICULTIES. SOVIETS HAD TOLD FRG THAT MEMBERSHIP OF TWO GERMAN STATES WOULD STRENGTHEN CCD. GDR REPRESENTATIVES HAD TOLD WEST GERMANS THAT GDR WISHED TO JOIN CCD, THOUGH THEY HAVE NO PARTICULAR URGENCY. (LAHUSEN NOTED THAT EAST GERMANS CAN BE EXPECTED TO MOVE QUICKLY IF FRG PRESSES ITS APPLICATION.) LAHUSEN ALSO SAID THAT FRG PLANS TO  
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CONTACT SOVIETS AGAIN ON SAME ISSUE AS SOON AS US VIEWS ARE KNOWN.

4. IN REPLY, LEONARD SUMMARIZED DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION AT GENEVA AND NOTED THAT CCD MEMBERS GENERALLY AGREE ON DESIRABILITY OF MEMBERSHIP OF FRG IN CCD AND THAT ALMOST ALL ANTICIPATE NEED TO BRING IN A SMALL NUMBER OF NON-ALIGNED AT SAME TIME AS TWO GERMAN STATES.

US SUPPORTS FRG APPLICATION AND RECOGNIZES NEED TO ACCEPT GDR AT SAME TIME. PROBLEM IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE CCD WITH THE CLEAR DETERMINATION OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO PRESS ONCE AGAIN FOR PRC PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. NON-ALIGNED CAN THEREFORE BE EXPECTED TO ACCORD SPECIAL PRIORITY TO PRC PARTICIPATION QUESTION AT COMING UNGA AND WILL WANT TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT PRC VIEWS ON WDC AND UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMISSION BEFORE THEY MAKE ANY DECISIONS ON CCD ENLARGEMENT. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION OF ANY CHANGE IN NEGATIVE PRC POSITION TOWARD MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT TALKS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT TAKING STEPS WHICH COULD LEAD TO PRESSURE ON PRC COULD CAUSE THEM TO REACT NEGATIVELY. IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON PRC. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS MIGHT PUSH THE GDR APPLICATION PRECISELY TO EMBARRASS PEKING.

5. LEONARD ALSO SAID THAT CURRENT DISSATISFACTION WITH CCD WAS RATHER WIDESPREAD AND THERE COULD WELL BE MOVE TO SUSPEND NORMAL CCD SESSIONS NEXT SPRING, PERHAPS IN FAVOR OF A UNDC MEETING. UNTIL PRC HAS MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN AT NEW YORK THIS FALL AND THESE OTHER PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SEE CLEARLY HOW TO PROCEED WITH FRG APPLICATION. LEONARD SUGGESTED THAT LAHUSEN CALL AGAIN AT ACDA IN MID-SEPTEMBER AND THAT FRG AND US REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THE SUBJECT. RUSH

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